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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

. Lewis Jones, a white man, is in jail at Wadesboro, N. C., charged with murder of his wife. — The Senate yesterday passed the Philippine bill. — Frank Jay Gould, of New York, has acquired a controlling interest in the Old Dominion Iron Works. — A female witness in the Smoot inquiry yesterday told of the ceremonies in the Mormon Temple. — Mrs. Chadwick is to be rigidly secluded from all visitors. — Trial of Nan Patterson was adjourned yesterday until next Monday. — Col. Greene, of the Consolidated Copper Company, and Mr. Thos. W. Lawson had a conference yesterday in New York city. — An investigation will be held of the alleged smuggling on the U. S. cruiser San Francisco. — Dispensary Constable Rowell shot and killed Joe Blount, an A. C. L. detective, at Florence, S. C. — Seven Russians with dispatches, from Port Arthur, have arrived at Che Foo. — N. Y. markets: Money on call was steady at 1@2 per cent.; cotton—market quiet at 7.95c; flour, steady; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red nominal; corn—spot steady, No. 2, 62c.; oats—spot, dull; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 34c; rosin dull; spirits turpentine steady at 51@51½.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 16.

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 38; 8 P. M., 36 degrees; maximum, 43 degrees; minimum 29 degrees; mean 36 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since first of the month to date, 1.51 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., 7.2 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—For North Carolina: Rain Saturday with rising temperature; Sunday fair, colder; fresh southeast shifting to west winds.

Port Almanac—December 17.

Sun Rises	7.04 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 43 M.
High Water at Southport	3.32 A. M.
High Water at Wilmington	6.02 A. M.

An exchange says: "The South needs a new deal." It is our opinion that the South will get a great deal by continuing to shuffle for itself.

The administration claims that our circulation is larger now than in the history of the country. If it is, Mrs. Chadwick is entitled to the credit.

Prince Fushims, of Japan, who has been taking in America, has gotten stuck on our Scotch "high ball." If he gets in the game right, we see his finish.

We are told that the peanut crop this year amounts to 4,000,000 bushels. This the reason the peanut politicians felt justified in shelling out during the campaign.

An exchange asks: "Should a man be whipped at the post for beating his wife?" If he beats her out of all her pocket change something ought to be done with him but a woman can beat a man at most anything

Says the New York Herald: "'God save the young men of to-day from stylish women,' says the Rev. John Fox, of Trenton." What! Is it possible that middle-aged and bald-headed men are to be abandoned to their peril?

Says the Washington Post: "'What a fool I was! What a fool I was!' says President Beckwith, of the Oberlin bank, after his second look at the Chadwick notes. Was?" Beckwith is considerably off on his grammar, but we don't object to his geographic position.

The business man who tries to do business without advertising is like the fellow who kisses a girl in the dark He may know what he is doing but nobody else does. Secrecy for a kissing stunt is all right but business needs advertising publicity and plenty of it.

The Republicans are now crying "economy" on national expenditures. When the Democrats made that one of their campaign slogans, these same Republicans held them up to scorn. A lot of ideas advanced by the Democrats have been adopted by the administration as not only sane but imperative.

A Wilmington merchant went to another yesterday to have a draft cashed, and although the man with the paper had been in business in the city for eighteen years the gentleman who was called upon to pay the draft had never heard of him This revelation teaches that business men should hasten to get publicity through the advertising columns of The Star. Advertising prices furnished on application.

Says the Charlotte News: "The only original unkissed man is about to wed and to receive upon his virgin lips 'the first kiss of love.' The name of this gentleman is Crook, and about six months ago he announced that 'although he had grown to manhood, he had never drank, smoked or kissed a girl.'" We have never drank or smoked a girl ourself, but we don't see how a man can go through life and not know what a pretty girl is really made for.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Five colored women were discharged from the pest house yesterday.

— Messrs. Bullock & Cowan are advertising a croup remedy and a toilet cream of their own manufacture.

— There was another heavy frost this morning. House tops and grass plats appeared as if snow had been falling.

— About forty will "take in" the trip to the Sound to-night for the oyster roast. Cars start at 7:30; meet at Princess street at 7:30.

— The three new cars for the city line of the C. R., L. & P. Co. were shipped from Philadelphia Wednesday and are expected here early in the coming week.

— The Legislature will convene at Raleigh January 4th. In the Senate there will be 43 Democrats and 6 Republicans. Of the Representatives there are 98 Democrats and 22 Republicans.

— A meeting of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon alumni chapter of Wilmington, which was chartered several years ago, is called for this evening at 8 o'clock at The Orton, and all members are invited to be present.

— Governor Glenn will be inducted into office on Jan. 12th. A number of military companies in this section are preparing to attend the inauguration and are arranging for special trains from central points.

— George Washington Council, Jr. O. U. A. M., last night conferred the Oriental degree on three candidates. The first meeting night in January the officers recently elected will be installed and a social session will be given.

— A mass meeting of the farmers of Brunswick county is called to meet at the Court House in Southport today to discuss the present low prices at which cotton is now selling and to devise some way by which the farmers can procure better prices for the remainder of the crop.

— Mr. John W. Hardy, formerly of Whiteville, N. C., but now of this city, and Miss Carrie J. Williams, of Wilmington, were married at Bladen Street M. E. church parsonage by the Rev. Geo. B. Webster Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Hardy will make their home in this city.

— Messrs. James A. Lewis, G. F. Quinn and J. O. Powers are the incorporators of the Eagle Mfg. Co. of Wilmington, chartered with $5,000 capital this week, to manufacture sash, blinds, moulding of all kinds, buggies, furniture, etc. The name of Mr. Quinn was omitted and the initials of Mr Powers were wrong in the Star's Raleigh telegram this week.

Rev. Mr. Watson Returned.

The Rev. N. M. Watson and wife returned to the city yesterday. He attended the session of the North Carolina Conference at Henderson and afterwards he and Mrs. Watson visited relatives in Chatham county and at Chapel Hill. This is Mr. Watson's second year at Grace M. E. church, this city, and the congregation is delighted that the Conference returned him, as was naturally expected. He is personally very popular and his sermons are striking for originality and force.

Rev. T. A. Smoot and Wife.

Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer: "Rev. T. A. Smoot and family left on the noon train for Durham to-day, where Mr. Smoot assumes the pastorate of the Main Street Methodist church of that city. Few if any ministers in the history of the Methodist Church of Fayetteville have filled its pulpit more ably and acceptably than he, or performed its arduous pastoral work more devotedly—in all of which his wife has been a strong help meet, a woman of rare personal charm, who has warm friends on every hand."

River Canalization.

Fayetteville Observer: "To day letters were received by Mr. Rose from Senator Simmons and Hon. C. R. Thomas, both of whom reiterate their former pledges to "do all in their power for a public building and the upper Cape Fear section." As the scheme of the canalization of the Cape Fear has been adopted by the government, it remains now only to get appropriations from time to time. The chief engineer of the government has recently called for provision for this work."

Association Boys' Social.

The boys' reception or social at the Y. M. C. A. last night passed off very pleasingly to those who were present. Leon Jewell sang a solo in his usual entertaining manner, followed by Harry Solomon with a violin solo. The remainder of the evening was given over to games and refreshments. About 50 were present.

Cutter for the Sounds.

Congressman Thomas, of the Third District, has had passed through the House of Representatives, on December 14th, a bill for the construction of a new revenue cutter for Pamlico and Albermarle sounds and Neuse river to take the place of the revenue cutter "Boutwell." The bill carries an appropriation of $175,000.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Bullock & Cowan—Our own.

Platt & Haar—Xmas presents.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

For Rent—Desirable rooms.

On pleasant days there is no better place to spend an hour or two than the beach. The 10 o'clock car lays over at the beach an hour and three quarters. The 3 o'clock car lays over an hour and one quarter.

HIS WILL PROBATED.

Characteristic Instrument Left by Lamented Young Wilmington Attorney.

ESTATE VALUED AT $12,000.

Policies of Life Insurance Aggregating $25,000—His Wife Named as Executor of Last Will—Brooke G. Empie, Esq., Attorney.

The last will and testament of the late John H. Gore, Jr., whose tragic death occurred down the river last Saturday night, was admitted to probate yesterday before Col. John D. Taylor, Clerk of the Superior Court, by Brooke G. Empie, Esq., an intimate friend of the deceased during his life time and who is attorney for Mrs. Gore, who is named as executor of the instrument. The paper is what is known as a holograph will, or one written wholly by the person from whom it proceeds, and it was without a witness. The value of the personal effects of the estate, as far as could be ascertained at the date of the application for probation, is $12,000, the real estate consisting of a house and lot on Nixon, between Eighth and Ninth streets.

The will of Mr. Gore was drawn in his familiar handwriting and was made on July 31st, 1902, on an ordinary letter-head of the firm of Russell & Gore, attorneys at law. The sheet was folded the long way and across one end of the same, in his characteristic style of brevity were the words, "My Will." The instrument itself is perhaps the briefest of its kind ever recorded at the Court House and is as follows:

"JULY 31st, 1902.

I give, devise and bequeath to my wife, Mary A. Gore, all my property of whatever kind I may have at the time of my death, to do as she pleases with. I appoint her (my wife) the executor of this will.

JOHN H. GORE, JR."

Appended to the papers of the will was an affidavit made yesterday by Mr. James W. Sneeden, his private secretary, as to the circumstances of the execution of the will; also an affidavit from Mr. Sneeden, Mr. George Harriss and A. J. Marshall, Esq., as to the genuineness of the signature. Mr. Sneeden's affidavit recites the circumstances of the execution of the will as follows:

That the said paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of the said John H. Gore, Jr., was found among his valuable papers and effects after his death in a certain box in his iron safe, in his office, in which he kept his will, policies of insurance, mortgages, promissory notes and other valuable papers and effects.

And he further says that he has been in the employment of the said John H. Gore, Jr., for about three years; that at the time this will was written that the said John H. Gore, Jr., called me to him and said, "Here is my will; I want you to see where I put it, and if I should drop off I want you to see that my wife gets all my property," and then he gave me the will to read and deposited it in the lower drawer of the cash or strong box in his iron safe. And he further says that at the time the will was found there were present D. L. Gore, Louis Goodman, George Harriss and myself; that it is the same paper that was shown me and which I read at the time it was deposited in the cash or strong box in the safe.

The estate of Mr. Gore consists largely of three policies of life insurance, aggregating $25,000. One policy for $10,000, with the Franklin Life Insurance Co., of Springfield, Ill., had been in force only a short time and only one premium had been paid on the same. Another policy for $10,000 with the New York Life Insurance Co., had been carried for several years. A $5,000 policy had also been taken out about the same time with the Security Life and Annuity Co., of Greensboro, N. C. All of the policies are good for the full amount, a portion of them being payable to the estate of the decedent and the remainder to Mrs. Gore.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

The local cotton market yesterday was "nominal," with receipts of 813 bales against 1,799 same day last season; for the week 7,198 bales, against 17,185 same week last year; since Sept. 1st, 252,031 against 277,453 during a corresponding period in 1903 04 The New york spot market yesterday was steady at 7.95 for middling. All naval stores for the week ended yesterday are short in receipts from the same week last season. The receipts for the crop year are, however, ahead by about 85 casks of spirits of turpentine; rosin by about 10,000 barrels; short on tar by about 5,000 barrels and ahead on crude something over 5,000 barrels. Only 47 was bid for spirits yesterday; rosin was quiet at $3.40; tar firm at $1.60 and crude firm at $2.80@$3.60.

Two Fined Very Heavily.

Joseph Jolley, a young white man who came here from Conway, S. C., a few days ago to purchase machinery for a saw mill at which he is employed, was fined $25 and costs in the Mayor's court yesterday, the whole aggregating $27.35. Jolley was charged with disorderly conduct. He had a room at one of the smaller hotels down town, and Thursday night was guilty of disorderly conduct with one Bessie Hope, whose presence in the house the proprietor of the hotel knew nothing of. The Hope woman was also arrested and required to pay a similar fine and costs. The man settled his fine early and left the city. The woman remained in the station house until yesterday afternoon, when some of her friends at whose house she boarded, came to her relief.

TRAGEDY AT FLORENCE, S. C.

Railroad Special Agent Shot Down by Dispensary Spy There Last Night at the Station.

Mr. J. C. Blount, 54 years of age, an Atlantic Coast Line special agent, or detective, was shot and almost instantly killed at the depot in Florence, S. C., early last night by a dispensary constable named Rowell, who was intoxicated. The tragedy occurred near the entrance to the waiting room in the passenger depot, while hundreds of people were passing to and from the trains which connect there about 8 o'clock. Rowell was immediately arrested and lodged in jail. The men had quarrelled over some personal matter and Mr. Blount's connection with the Coast Line had nothing to do with the homicide.

There was much excitement at the depot over the tragedy, and the several trains due to depart at that hour were delayed. The train due here last night at 12 o'clock did not arrive, for that and other reasons, until after 1 o'clock this morning. Passengers on the train to Wilmington spoke of the affair this morning as a cold-blooded murder. Blount has a large family and had always borne an excellent character. The ball from the dispensary constable's pistol entered the left temple and came out near the right ear.

FIREMAN HAS SMALLPOX.

Mike Bryant Quarantined Yesterday at His Home on Wooster Street—Diagnosis.

Fireman Mike Bryant, of Engine Company No. 2, at Sixth and Castle streets, was discovered yesterday with a case of smallpox and has been quarantined by the Health Department at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bryant, No. 616 Wooster street. Quarantined with him are Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, Mr. Joe Bryant, wife and two children. Mr. S. J. Bryant was out of the city yesterday on a gunning trip down the river, but was expected to return last night.

Fireman Bryant became ill Thursday a week ago, but thought he had only a case of lagrippe and remained on duty at the engine house until Monday, when he went home. His attending physician was of the opinion Thursday night that the young man had smallpox of a very mild type, but he took no action until, with Dr. W. D. McMillan, he made another examination yesterday morning, which confirmed the diagnosis of the day before. It is thought Mr. Bryant contracted the disease on the carnival grounds last week, though that is not known definitely.

Although Mr. Bryant had not been at the engine station since Monday, the authorities thought best to vaccinate all the firemen at the house and that was done yesterday afternoon.

W. L. I. ELECTION.

I. McRee Hatch, First Lieutenant; Thos. R. Orrell Elected Second.

Under authority of general orders received last week from the Colonel commanding the Regiment, the W. L. I. met last night and elected Second Lieutenant J. McRee Hatch to succeed First Lieutenant George P. James, who recently resigned on account of pressure of private business. Mr. Thomas R. Orrell was chosen second lieutenant to succeed Lieut. Hatch, promoted. There was no contest over the promotion of Lieut. Hatch, but a good-natured rivalry prevailed between friends of Mr. Orrell and Mr. R. N. Nash, the former being elected by a majority of one. The company is now in fine shape; its members are loyal and its officers popular with the soldiers.

EATING SUPPER, DROPPED DEAD.

Old Negro Man Expired Instantly in Batson's Restaurant Early Last Night.

An old man named Ward, perhaps 55 or 60 years of age, dropped dead in Batson's restaurant, on Dock, near Water street, last night about 6:30 o'clock while he was seated at the table eating supper. Heart's disease is thought to have been the cause of death though Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner, will inquire more fully into that matter this morning. The remains have been turned over to County Undertaker W. W. King and prepared for burial. The old man came to Wilmington only a short time ago and had been employed as a laborer along the wharf. He had no family as far as the authorities were able to learn last night.

The Methodist Orphanage.

Raleigh Times: "The Methodist Orphanage here has received a check from the North Carolina Conference for $3,359. It had previously received as a Thanksgiving offering the sum of $1,700. This week 14 more children have received been there and have been assigned quarters in the new building which is being rapidly fitted up."

Fire in Coal Yard.

At 1:50 o'clock this morning Policeman Frank George discovered a fire in a pile of soft coal on the yards of J. A. Springer & Co. He sent in a telephone alarm to the Department and the blaze was extinguished before any damage of consequence was done.

Basket Ball Last Night.

The basket ball game at the Y. M. C. A. last night resulted in a victory for Loughlin's team by a score of 21 to 8, McGeachy's team being the opponent. Of the younger boys, Duls won against the Working Boys by a score of 25 to 1.

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

Federal Court Enjoins Corporation Commission and Greensboro Fuel Concern.

SOUTHPORT BANK CHARTERED

State Fair Settlement—V. E. McBee Receiver for Carolina Northern Railroad With Mr. W. J. Edwards. Beseeching More Pardons.

[Special Star Telegram.]

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 16.—The temporary injunction against the Corporation Commission and the Greensboro Ice and Coal Company was made perpetual to-day by Judge Purnell in an opinion handed down in a suit brought by the Southern Railway to stop the two defendants from bringing suits against them for penalties and damages for refusal of the Southern to place cars of coal consigned to the Greensboro company on a private siding, the refusal being on the ground that no further cars be so placed until certain disputed claims for demurrage for the past placing of cars is paid. The right of the Corporation Commission to force a railroad to deliver cars under such circumstances is involved and the court rules the Commission has no such right, where, as in this case the cars are brought from other States, it being inter-state commerce.

Reports submitted to the State Fair executive committee to-day show $8,000 balance in the treasury, after all expenses of the recent fair are paid. The affairs are in excellent condition. A handsome silver service was presented to President Ashley Horne, of the Fair Association, as a token of appreciation.

The Bank of Southport is chartered with $5,000 capital subscribed and $30,000 authorized. Among the incorporators are J. J. Watson, A. E. Stevens, H. W. Hood and Dr. J. A. Dosher.

Governor Aycock accepts an invitation to deliver an address before the Teachers Assembly of Louisiana at LaFayette, December 28th.

In the United States Circuit Court yesterday a petition was filed by the complainant, the Guaranty Trust Company of Palladelphia, in the suit against the Carolina Northern Railroad Company asking for the appointment of V. E. McBee as co-receiver with W. J. Edwards, the present receiver. The Trust Company's petition for such appointment was filed at the request of practically all the bondholders of the railroad company, residents, principally of Philadelphia and Richmond, and it is understood that the action of the bondholders was at the instance or suggestion of Mr. John Skelton Williams, who holds a very large block of the bonds and has a high opinion of Capt. McBee as a railroad manager and desires him to take charge and build up the physical condition and traffic of the railroad. The petition having been granted, Captain McBee, who was present at court at chambers, filed a bond in the sum of $15,000 and went to Lumberton last night where he will take charge of the railroad in conjunction with W. J. Edwards, the present receiver.

The father and brother of the Charlotte slayer Bishop were here this week to see Governor Aycock and plead for a pardon. The attorney for the Gold Brick men is also here to see the Governor bearing numerous petitions for their release. Neither parties received any satisfaction at the hands of the Governor.

DRY GOODS FIRM EMBARRASSED.

Receiver Appointed Yesterday for the McGeachy Company at Fayetteville.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer has the following:

In the cause of H. B. Claflin Co., Brown Shoe Company, Toft-Weller Company, and all other creditors of the N. H. McGeachy Dry Goods Company of Fayetteville, who come in and make themselves parties thereto, and contribute to the costs thereof, there was a hearing yesterday in chambers at Lumberton before Judge T. A. McNeill, the complaint being used as an affidavit, and H. L. Cook was appointed as temporary receiver, whose bond was fixed at $8,000 to be approved by the Clerk.

At 2:15 this afternoon Deputy Sheriff Monaghan served the papers in the above case. There seem to be complications in the above business troubles. It is claimed that the McGeachy Dry Goods Company made a sale of stock to F. W. Thornton. Yesterday evening Deputy Sheriff Monaghan made a levy on the stock, and forbade the entrance of F. W. Thornton. Just after him came Constable Goddard, in the interest of F. W. Thornton, forbidding the sheriff from taking possession. As a result the store is double locked.

In the meantime, the bond of Mr. H. L. Cook as temporary receiver has been approved by Clerk of the Court McKethan, and he will of course enter on the execution of his duty, if possible.

Jobbers Report Dull Trade.

The slump in cotton prices is said to have had a very discouraging effect on country merchants and travelling men returning from their territory this week say that trade is not so good. In fact, a number of them have already come in "to the house" until after the holidays. The condition seemed not to have been realized by the merchants at first but they are now manifesting no disposition to buy what there seems to be a doubt about selling again.

Rev. J. M. Culbreth Arrives.

The Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth, the new pastor of Market Street M. E. Church, South, arrived in the city yesterday and will preach at his church to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Mr. Culbreth is considerably less than 30 years of age and is said to be a particularly bright young man. His aunt will reside with him here and they will live at No. 111 North Eighth street.

Just watch the display in the window and if you don't see what you want, you will find it inside. J. T. Burke, The Jeweler, No. 27 South Front street.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. M. Peterson, of Raleigh, was a guest at The Orton yesterday.

—Mrs. O. L Clark, of Clarkton, came down yesterday on a shopping trip.

— Mr. James Owen Reilly spent Thursday night and yesterday in Raleigh.

— Capt. J. T. Borden, United States steamboat inspector, arrived last night from Charleston.

— Messrs Jno. D. Bigge of Williamston, N. C., and E. F. McCulloch, of White Oak, were here yesterday.

— The Lumberton Argus says: "Mr. A. W. McLean's condition has not improved. He is considered critically ill."

— Solicitor C. C. Lyon and Mr. Austin Clark, of Elizabethtown, N. C., were among last night's arrivals on the Seaboard.

— Among those of Wilmington's "dispersed abroad," who have come home to spend the Xmas holidays, are Col. and Mrs. W. J. Cotton.

— Rev. Euclid McWhorter and wife, of Southport, were here yesterday on their way to Maxton, the new charge assigned to Rev. Mr. McWhorter at the recent M. E. Conference.

— Capt. R. P. Johnston, U. S. A., and Mr. S. F. Burbank, of the Engineer Corps, left yesterday morning for Washington, N. C., to make some surveys on the watercourses in that section.

—Iredell Meares, Esq., returned on the late Seaboard train last night from Lumberton where he had been attending the hearing before Special Master Seawell in the Southern Saw Mills case.

— Rev. R. B. John, the retiring presiding elder of this district, left yesterday for Kinston to fill his first appointment in the M. E. Church in that city. His family will join him there after the holidays.

WILMINGTONIAN'S VIEW OF IT.

Secretary Kyle Furnishes New York Paper With Cotton Outlook Statement.

The following very clear analysis of the cotton situation, which is just at present puzzling statisticians all over the world, is contributed by Mr. James Kyle, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, to the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin, and is published in that paper yesterday under the caption, "Is 12,162,000 Bales Too High?" Mr. Kyle received a number of endorsements of his line of reasoning by business men here yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 12, 1904.

Editor of "The Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin":

Sir—I have been requested by our Chamber of Commerce to submit to you some calculations which I have recently made with respect to the cotton crop of this season. The figures used are those as announced by the Government, and they appear at least to indicate a maximum crop of 11,400,000 bales instead of 12,162,000 bales. If the figures they announce, tending to indicate a large crop, are seriously considered, it seems to us that if a logical construction of their figures indicates a crop of reasonable size, the same consideration should be given to the latter:

Estimated acreage this season as recently estimated by the Government	30,000,000
Acreage last season	28,000,000
Indicated increase this season over last	3.46 p. c.
Crop last year	10,011,000
Crop this year as estimated by Government	12,162,000
Indicated increase in production	21.6 p. c.
October condition last year	65.1 p. c.
October condition this year	75.8 p. c.

The increase in condition, together with the increase in acreage, indicates a maximum crop of 11,400,000 bales. It does not appear probable that the government would have reduced their acreage this late in the season unless they were fully justified in doing so.

You will observe that there is a difference of 18 per cent, between the acreage and crop as reported by the Government and that after allowing for the improvement in condition this year over the last, there is still 7.3 per cent to account for. Either the estimated acreage is too small, or else the estimated crop is too large, and it appears to us that the odds are in favor of an overestimate in the crop.

Very truly yours,

JAMES KYLE,

Sec'y Wilm'ton Chamber of Commerce.

Stole Money on Sound.

Justice Bornemann yesterday committed to jail for the higher court William Fergurson, alias "Red Bill," a country negro, charged with the larceny of money from Andrew Spicer, colored, who works for Mr. C. R. Mason, a storekeeper on the sound. The money was stolen from Spicer's coat, which he laid on the counter in the store, and the theft was discovered before Fergurson left the premises. He was searched and the money was found concealed in his trouser leg. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff J. R. Canady. In default of $100 bond the negro went to jail.

Seaboard Train Delayed.

"Seaboard Air Line Passenger train, due to arrive here at 12:45 P. M., was derailed while coming out of the yards at Charlotte yesterday morning and an extra had to be made up at Hamlet to accommodate the business this way. Every coach of the Charlotte train went off the rails at a switch on the yards, but they did not leave the ties and no one was hurt. The engine did not leave the rails at all. Capt. Beery and his crew of the derailed train came in on the mid night train, which did not arrive until 1 o'clock this morning. The wreck at Charlotte was cleared about noon.

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No. 1 Chestnut, Anthracite	$6.50 per ton
Jellico Coal, best	5.50 " "
Virginia Bituminous Lump	5.00 " "

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P. S.—We have car in transit of eastern New York Danish Cabbage which we are expecting every day and will sell at closest prices.
dec 14 tf J. S. F. & Co.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Property Which Exchanged Hands by Deeds Filed for Record Yesterday.

Thos. Gillespie and wife, of Harnett township, to Menous Hansley, for $10, one acre of land in Harnett township, being part of the D. K. Futch lands.

N. Jacobi to Mrs. D. Rountree, for $1,200, property on north side of Church, 85 feet east of Second street, 40x99 feet in size, together with a right of way over adjoining property.

Thos. W. Davis, commissioner, to Joseph T. Foy, for $1,850, property at southeast corner of Second and Queen streets, 52 feet on Second and 100 feet on Queen street.

The Seaboard Calendar.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has issued a beautiful four-leaf calendar for 1905. It is a real work of art in colors, and especially appropriate for hanging in the library. It is advertised in the leading magazines and can be obtained by sending 25c. in stamps to Charles B. Ryan, G. P. A., Portsmouth, Va. There being no advertisement on the face, it will make an elegant present.

Southport's Bank Building.

Southport Standard: "Mr. R. C. Hood representing the Southport Building Co., purchased on yesterday from W. H. Pyke, representing the owner, the lot directly opposite the store of Hood Bros. & Gause. The Building Company will erect thereon a brick building for use of the Bank of Southport. Bids for the same will be opened to-day and the work pushed rapidly ahead."

Increase in Production.

Indicated increase in production 21.6 p. c.

October condition last year 65.1 p. c.

October condition this year 75.8 p. c.

The increase in condition, together with the increase in acreage, indicates a maximum crop of 11,400,000 bales. It does not appear probable that the government would have reduced their acreage this late in the season unless they were fully justified in doing so.

You will observe that there is a difference of 18 per cent, between the acreage and crop as reported by the Government and that after allowing for the improvement in condition this year over the last, there is still 7.3 per cent to account for. Either the estimated acreage is too small, or else the estimated crop is too large, and it appears to us that the odds are in favor of an overestimate in the crop.

Very truly yours,

JAMES KYLE,

Sec'y Wilm'ton Chamber of Commerce.

Church Notices.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Sabbath services at 11:00 A. M. and no service at night. Sabbath School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

First Presbyterian Church, corner Third and Orange streets: Divine services to-morrow at 11 A. M and 8 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Wells. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited to all services.

First Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Market streets, Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor. Preaching to-morrow at 11 A. M and 7:30 P. M. Sunday school 3:30 P. M. Prayer and praise worship Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Baptist Young People's Union Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The public cordially invited to all services.

Rev. J. S. Crowley will preach at Delgado to-morrow at 4 P. M.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, corner Front and Queen streets: Divine services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., by the pastor, Rev. J. S. Crowley. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 P. M. Public cordially invited to all services.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!
On January 2nd, 1905,
The City will begin to GARNISHEE Wages and LEVY on Personal Property for
CITY TAXES
not paid by that date.
If forced to levy costs will be added to the tax.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.
B. F. KING,
City Tax Collector.
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HIDES AND FURS OF ALL KINDS.
Highest Market Prices Paid.
SAM'L BEAR, SR., & SONS,
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OVERCOATS	$10
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OVERCOATS	$15
OVERCOATS	$18
OVERCOATS	$20
OVERCOATS	$22.50

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Pyxie Croup Remedy and Pyxie Toilet Cream
are absolutely essential these bleak cold days. Manufactured by
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WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

HOW BIG IS THE COTTON CROP?

In view of the fact that meetings were held in the cotton growing section of North Carolina yesterday to aid in the movement to secure fair prices for the staple, the following article from the New York Times of Thursday will be read with interest:

The Department of Agriculture published its estimate of last year's cotton crop on Dec. 3d, 1903, giving out what has been described as the "sensationally small" estimate of 9,962,000 bales. Instantly there was a "flurry" in the market. On the New York Cotton Exchange, where during the month of November the quotations had ranged from 11.15 cents to to 11.50 cents per pound, the price rose on Dec. 4th to 12.65 cents, and continued to soar through the great Sully speculation uptil it had gone above 17 cents before the bubble burst. The actual size of the cotton crop, as stated in The Financial Chronical's annual statement at the close of the cotton year, Sept. 1, 1904, was 10,123,086 bales, or 161,686 above the estimate of the Agricultural Department. The difference is not large enough to lay upon the shoulders of the Agricultural Department the blame for the speculative rise that put a stop to mill purchases and deranged the cotton markets of the world. Still a very great part of the gains resulting from a rise in cotton prices as late as December, when more than half of the crop has been shipped to market, accrue not to the cotton planters, but to dealers and speculators. The very high importance of care and accuracy in the Government estimate is evident.

The Agricultural Department's estimate of the cotton crop of 1904, published this year also upon Dec. 3, indicates a yield of 12,162,000 bales. We do not know that this estimate is regarded as "sensationally" large. That it is above the estimates made by other observers of authority and standing will be seen by a glance at the subjoined table:

COTTON CROP ESTIMATES.

	1904-5.	1903-4
A Norden & Co.	11,684,000	9750,000
Latham, Alexander & Co.	11,300,000	10,800,000
Kansas City Cot. Ex.	10,942,388	10,400,000
Critchfield & Co.	10,921,000	10,160 000
S. H. Parker & Co.	11,012,000	10,648.000
Miss Giles	11,939,900	10,300,000
N. O. Times Democrat.	11,940,000	10,040,000
Atwood Violett & Co.	11,250,000	9,875,000
Marshall, Spader & Co.	11,750,000	10,735,700
Reform Club, Liverpool.	11 936.500	11,067,000
Liverpool Cotton Ex.	11,737,000	11,004,000
N Y Cotton Exchange.	11,592,000	10,734,0-0
Augusta Cotton Ex.	11,343,000	10,714 000
Average	11,383,059	10,405,387

The average of these thirteen estimates for the crop of 1904 is 11,333,059, or 829,041 below the estimate of the Department of Agriculture. The average of the thirteen estimates for the crop of 1903 was 281,701 bales above the final return of the crop.

The best estimates must be in some measure based upon guesswork. The figures which show port receipts, overland shipments and mill consumption, represent not guess work but fact. They form a sound basis of opinion, since when completed they and not the estimates stand as the crop record of the year. The following table, compiled from the figures of the Financial Chronicle, of Dec. 10, is instructive. It shows the total number of bales "in sight" up to Dec. 9, compared with the "in sight" figures of Nov. 1, and those of last year for both periods:

COTTON IN SIGHT.

To Nov. 9, 1904	3,700,549
To Nov. 1, 1903	2,742,517
Inc. to Nov. 1	958,032
To Dec. 9, 1904	6,640,260
To Dec. 9, 1903	5,775,450
Decr. to Dec. 9	864,810
Loss since Nov. 1	93,222

It will be seen at once that the increase in cotton "in sight" this year is not holding up from week to week as it should if the Government estimate is to be sustained. The cotton crop this year as estimated by the Department of Agriculture would be 2,338,313 bales larger than the actual crop last year. But with more than half the crop "in sight" on Dec. 9, the increase as compared with last year's shipments is only 864,810 bales. If the movement has been in no way abnormal there should have been on Dec. 9, a gain in "sight" cotton of about 1,200,000 bales over last year's figures, instead of 864,810. It will be observed, moreover, that the ratio of increase materially diminished between Nov. 1 and Dec. 9, the falling off in the figures showing the increase for the latter as compared with the former date being 93,222 bales. The recorded gain should have risen at least 350,000 bales to make the estimate good.

It may prove that the planters are holding back their cotton for higher prices. That would largely explain the unexpected deficiency in the number of bales "in sight" up to Dec. 9. On the New York Stock Exchange the price is now 8 to 8.15 cents per pound. These are sorry figures compared with 15 and 16 cent cotton last year. Meanwhile the consumers' markets of the world are hungry for cotton. There was hardly any old stock left over—The Financial Chronicles figures indicating a stock on hand on Sept. 1 of only 111,799 bales. The United States crop, whether it shall reach the great figures of the Government estimate or fall below them, will be eagerly taken by manufacturers here and abroad.

The total value of last year's cotton crop at prevailing prices was more than $600,000,000. The National wealth is increased in a larger degree, of course, when the highest possible proportion of the great sum which the cotton crop brings each year goes into the hands of the cotton planters, where it tends powerfully to promote the industrial development of the South.

The South is now contending that the crop will not come up to the government estimate of 12,162,000 bales, and that the South will lose many million of dollars on account of the slump in price, as a result of the government's estimate. Holders of cotton may be withholding it from the market now on account of low prices, but we do not think the movement is such as to cause such a noticeable decline in the port receipts.

We are rather inclined to think that the Times is right when it shows that the ratio of increase this year does not bear out the government's bear estimate. The Times puts the matter in the correct light when it states that the national wealth is increased when the South gets a good price for its cotton. It must be remembered that Europe takes nearly three-fourths of our cotton crop, hence we draw that wealth principally from foreign sources.

A PROSPEROUS SOUTH.

From leading manufacturers, machinery-makers of all kinds and business men generally throughout the country, letters bearing on the business outlook as they see it are published in this week's issue of the Manufacturers' Record, which commenting upon them says:

"In not a single letter is there a note of pessimism. Manufacturers in the North, in the central West, in the far West and in the South alike tell the story of increasing business activity and of the bright prospects for 1905. Throughout the land optimism based on a foundation as firm as the rocks prevails, and rightly so.

"The farms of the country have yielded a total value of products of over $5,000,000,000, and never before have the agricultural interests of all sections been in such good financial condition. The sudden drop in cotton comes after largely more than one half of the crop has passed out of the hands of the farmers, and it is not at all probable that even the balance will be sold at present prices. Practically out of debt, with considerable surplus accumulated during the last three or four years of high prices, the Southern cotton grower is in position to withhold much of his cotton for higher prices. Moreover, the South has raised an exceedingly large grain crop. The total value of the diversified products of Southern farms is about $1,000,000,000, or nearly twice as much as the $600,000,000 which its cotton brings, the aggregate of cotton and all other farm products in the South being about $1,700,000,000. Under such conditions the Southern farmer, notwithstanding the temporary decline in cotton, heavy as it is, will continue more prosperous than ever before."

TWINKLINGS

— Reggie—Miss Sparkle has taken up with the spinning fad. Look out that she doesn't weave a web for you. Cecil—Oh, I'm fly.—Chicago News.

— "He's fond of literature." "Is he a close student?" "I should say so. He never spends a penny he doesn't have to."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Visitor—"How did you get in the habit of eating raw meat?" Wild Man—"I married a college girl and couldn't afford to cook."—Chicago News.

— Bank President—We're ruined! The cashier has absconded with $100,000. Director—Don't get excited. He has left a note offering to take us into copartnership.—Life.

— The Boy's Way.—Senior Partner—Didn't you hear that new office boy call you "Jones" this morning? Junior Partner—Yes, but he's only been here a week. Give him time; he won't begin to call me "Bill" until next week.—Philadelphia Press.

— "Let me see, a cynic is a man who is tired of the world, is he not?" the young student of language asked. "No, no, my child," replied the knowing tutor. "A cynic is a man of whom the world is tired."—Pick-Me-Up.

A HELPING HAND

Is Gladly Extended by a Wilmington Citizen.

There are many enthusiastic citizens in Wilmington prepared to tell their experience for the public good. Testimony from such a source is the best of evidence, and will prove a "helping hand" to scores of readers. Read the following statement:

H. W. Bagg, merchant and furniture manufacturer of Second and Market streets, residing at 114 North Sixth street, says: "I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they proved to be a grand medicine, and I can also say that Doan's Ointment is the best remedy of the kind off the face of the earth. I suffered with my back for a long time. When I sat at my desk for a while and attempted to get up I would have to catch hold of the chair for support and straighten myself up gradually. The kidney secretions were dark colored and full of sediment. I read about Doan's Kidney Pills in our papers and went to R. R. Bellamy's drug store and got a box. Since using them my back is strong and I can move about and stand up as straight as ever and the kidney secretions have all cleared up. You may use my name as an endorser of the claims made for Doan's Kidney Pills and also Doan's Ointment which I used with good results."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Over Sixty Years

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over 60 years by millions of mothers for their children while teething, with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents bottle. Be sure and ask for "Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup," and take no other kind.

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Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought

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A TRIAL FREE.

Hardin's Palace Pharmacy, at 126 South Front street, made a liberal free offer. Mr. Hardin having thoroughly satisfied himself as to the merits of Paracamph, First Aid to the Injured, states that all you need to do is to deposit 25c. with Hardin's Palace Pharmacy and get a bottle of Paracamph. Use as is directed. If you are not satisfied return the bottle and get your money back. Paracamph cures Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Wounds, Bruises, Sore Feet, Sore Toes, Sore Hands, Sore Face. Paracamph heals Ulcers, Sores and Swellings. Paracamph gives ease to tired hands and weary and blistered feet. Paracamph cures Pains, Pimples and Skin Troubles. Big nasty blotches go away when you use Paracamph. Money back if you are not satisfied. Paracamph cures Neuralgia and Rheumatic Swellings. Cures bleeding and itching Piles. Paracamph stops itching. You get relief at once. Paracamph is good in cases of swellings and inflammations and absolutely prevents dangerous blood poison. Don't hesitate. Don't argue. Get a bottle of paracamph to-day. Keep it in the house. Yes, a household necessity is Paracamph. You need it just when you don't expect. You can always get your money back if you are dissatisfied. Don't you suffer from a cold in the head, pain in the chest, ringing in the ears? Use Paracamph. Remember you can deposit 25c. with Mr. Hardin, at 126 South Front street, and get a bottle of Paracamph. Get it to-day.

Paracamph is made by a big Kentucky company. The Paracamph Company, incorporated for $300,000, with refereeces: Dun's, Bradstreet's or any bank.

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Special Agents: Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

CURRENT COMMENT.

——"I am determined to prove that I am different from other men," says old Dr. Dowle. He has proved it by paying $4,000,000 in debts:—Washington Post.

——The decline in the price of cotton will probably put all the idle mills to work, if they can buy as much cotton in the bale as on paper.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

—— The Mobile Register, in an article proposing the erection of a monument to Father Ryan, the great poet, calls him a "son of Maryland." It has always been our understanding that Father Ryan was born in Norfolk.—Norfolk Landmark.

—— A contemporary asks: "Why not have a parcels post?" The simple answer is that the great express companies, who have in Thos. C. Platt an agent in the Senate of the United States, and the great railroad corporations having an interest in the express companies, do not want a parcels post that would seriously threaten their profits.—Philadelphia Record.

—— Strong efforts are being made to turn the tide of foreign immigration Southward, and seemingly without much regard as to what class comes. Unless care is exercised we will have a class similar to those in Northern mines and factories. The South Carolina law on the subject ought to be adopted by all the States of the South and then there would be little danger. The fear is expressed that there will not be enough of the class we are obtaining. That may or may not be true, but that supply should first be exhausted before experiments are made with others.—Columbia Record.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 17.

STEAMERS.

Hanseat, (Nor) 2,177 tons, Hamre, Heide & Co.

Petunia, (Br) 1,093 tons, Frankland, Heide & Co.

Juanita North, (Br) 2,233 tons, Fox, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Greatham, (Br) 1,531 tons, Gowing, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Anne Lord, 246 tons, Russell, C D Mafflit.

Madalene Cooney, 624 tons, Hunter, C D Mafflit.

Eliza J Pendleton, 672 tons, Dodge, C D Mafflit.

Carrie A Bucknam, 236 tons, Torrey, J T Riley.

BARQUES.

Musselcrag, (Br) 1,871 tons, Robinson, Heide & Co.

Sulphur Nature's Greatest Germicide.

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Greater healing power can be had in the privacy of the home by using HANCOCK'S LIQUID SULPHUR in the bath than by journeying to the most famous sulphur springs.

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Liquid sulphur cures dandruff, eczema, pimples, salt rheum, itch, hives, erysipelas and all open sores. It is natures's greatest germicide. Write to Hancock Liquid Sulphur Co., Baltimore, Md., for free booklet, and ask your druggist for HANCOCK'S LIQUID SULPHUR.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once, and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottles free.

TO ACCOMMODATE those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Price including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid embraces the medicinal properties of the solid preparation. Cream Balm is quickly absorbed by the membrane and does not dry up the secretions but changes them to a natural and healthy character. Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

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For Infants and Children.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.)

STAR OFFICE, December 16.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 47c bid per gallon.

ROSIN—Market quiet at $2.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $2.30 per barrel for hard, $3.60 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm at 55c; rosin nothing doing; tar firm at $1.70; crude turpentine firm at $2.30@3.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	444
Tar	190
Crude turpentine	81

Receipts same day last year—57 casks spirits turpentine, 141 barrels rosin, 366 barrels tar, 73 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market nominal.

Same day last year, market steady at 12c for middling.

Receipts—812 bales; same day last year, 1,799.

(Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.)

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 85c; extra prime, 90c; fancy, 95c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 70c; extra prime, 75c; fancy, 80c. Spanish, 80@85c.

CORN—Firm; 60@65c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 14@15c per pound; shoulders, 11c; sides, 11c.

EGGS—Dull at 20c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 15@25c.

TURKEYS—Market dull.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@27c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6¼c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2@3c per pound.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Money on call was quoted steady at 1½@3 per cent.; closing bid 2 per ct; offered 3 per ct.; time loans easy; sixty days 3@3½ per ct.; ninety days 3@3½ per cent; six months 3½@3¾ per ct. Prime mercantile paper 4¼@4½ per ct. Sterling exchange closed firm; actual business in bankers' bills 487.15@487.20 for demand and 484.55@484.60 for sixty day bills. Posted rates were 485@485¼ and 487½. Commercial bills 484¼@484¾. Bar silver 60¾. Mexican dollars 48¼. U. S. refunding 2's, reg'd, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 3's, registered, 104½; do. coupon, 104½; U. S. 4's, new, registered, 130⅝; U. S. 4's, new, coupon, 131; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 105¾; do. coupon, 106¾; Atlantic Coast Line 4's, 99¾; Louisville & Nashville, unified 4's, 103¼; Norfolk & Western consol 4's —; Seaboard Air Line 4's 84½; Southern Railway 5's, 119. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio pref'd 95; Chesapeake & Ohio 48½; Manhattan L 163¼; New York Central 139½; Reading 78⅞; do. 1st pref'd, 89; do. 2nd pref'd 81½; Southern Railway 55½; do. pref'd 96¼; Amalgamated Copper 68; People's Gas 106¾; Tennessee Coal and Iron 71½; U. S. Leather 16½; U. S. Leather preferred, 103¾; Western Union 93½; U. S. Steel 29½; do. preferred 91½; Mexican Central 21¾; Virginia Carolina Chemical, 41½; sales — shares; do. preferred, closed 113; sales — shares. Standard Oil 632.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 17½@17½; do. preferred, 37 asked; do. bonds, fours, —. Atlantic Coast Line, common, 153@153¾.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Rosin dull. Spirits turpentine steady at 51@51¼c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine—nothing doing. Rosin—nothing doing.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Spirits turpentine firm at 48@48¼c; receipts 437 casks; sales 246 casks; exports 5,695 casks. Rosin was firm; receipts 2,806 barrels; sales 2,169 bbls; exports 4,165 bbls. A, B, C, $2 47½; D, $3 50; E, $2 52½; F, $3 55; G, $3 57½; H $3 75; I, $3 25; K, $3 90; M, $4 30; N, $4 50; W G, $4 75; W W, $5 15.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of two to four points in response to the lower cables which reported a decline of some seven to eight points on futures and of nine points on spot cotton. The large sales of spots reported at the decline served to offset the bearish effect of the lower prices and the market at the opening was steadied by covering and some months sold at a point or two above the opening figures during the first few minutes. But generally speaking sentiment was bearish on reports that spot cotton was weakening, and expectations that a bearish ginners' report would be issued next week, while it was also said that certain local bears were looking for stop loss orders on the long side, a few points below the previous low level of 750 for January. At any rate there was considerble pressure and in spite of covering through commission houses for over Sunday, prices worked down during the morning to a net decline of about six to eight points. Around midday the market was rallied slightly by the covering of early sellers and advanced to about the opening figures, after which it eased off a little being finally steady at a decline of three to six points. Sales were estimated at 150,000 bales. Official advices from Southern spot markets showed slightly lower quotations, but the tone was generally steady and it did not seem that there was much selling pressure. Receipts at the ports to-day were 47,578 bales, against 68,611 last week and 52,017 last year. For the week 330,000 bales, against 385,457 last week and 306,823 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans were 10,694 bales, against 11,300 last year, and at Houston 8,749 bales, against 14,216 last year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Cotton—The market was quiet at 7.95c; net receipts 773 bales; gross receipts 7,155 bales; stock 95,555 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 5 points lower; middling uplands 7.95c; middling gulf 8.20c; sales 300 bales.

Futures market closed steady: December 7.80, January 7.86, February 7.63, March 7.74, April 7.80, May 7.86, June 7 91, July 8 94, August 7.96, October 7.90.

Total to-day, at all seaports—Net receipts 47,578 bales; exports to Great Britain 10,367 bales; exports to France 17,123 bales; exports to the Continent 7,961 bales; exports to Japan 1,335 bales; exports to Mexico — bales; stock 1,080,239 bales.

Consolidated, at all seaports—Net receipts 341,534 bales; exports to Great Britain 128,183 bales; exports to France 33,373 bales; exports to Continent 139,166 bales; exports to Japan 6,622 bales; exports to Mexico — bales.

Total since September 1st, at all seaports—Net receipts 5,325,446 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,683,189 bales; exports to France 407,736 bales; exports to the Continent 1,426,345 bales; exports to Japan 44,610 bales; exports to Mexico 13,364 bales.

Dec. 16.—Galveston, quiet at 7 11-16, net receipts 6,976 bales; Norfolk, nominal, net receipts 1,650 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 7¾c net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8c, net receipts 989 bales; Wilmington, steady at 7¾c, net receipts 812 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8.20c, net receipts 99 bales; Savannah, easy at 7⅝c, net receipts 7,349 bales; New Orleans, firm at 7¾c, net receipts 10,694 bales; Mobile, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 855 bales; Memphis, quiet at 7⅝c, net receipts 3,658 bales; Augusta, steady at 7 9-16c, net receipts 1,275 bales; Charleston, quiet at 7¾c, net receipts 1,477 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Flour was steady. Rye flour steady. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red nominal. Options closed partly ½c net higher; May closed $1 13⅝; July closed $1 03⅛; December closed $1 17¼. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 63½c. Options closed ¼@½c net higher; May closed 51½c; December closed 55½c. Oats—Spot dull; mixed, 26@32 pounds, 34½. Lard steady. Cheese steady; State, small, colored 12c; September, white, 11½c. Eggs quiet; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, selected white extra fancy 38@40c; Southern 23@30c. Potatoes steady; Long Island, in bulk, per 180 lbs, $1 75@3 00; State and Western $1 25@1 50; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 25. Butter easy; creamery, common to extra 17@27½c; State dairy 15@25c. Cabbages steady; flat Dutch, per 100, $2@3 00. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, 15@20c. Peanuts steady; fancy handpicked 5¼@5¾; other domestic grades 3¼@5c. Tallow firm. Pork steady. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Sugar—raw steady; refined firm. Cotton seed oil was moderately active and about steady: Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 17c; prime summer yellow 35@35½c; off summer yellow nominal; prime white 28@29c; winter yellow 29c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Widespread demand for cash wheat was the main cause of a strong market in speculative options here to-day. At the close May wheat was up ½@¾c. Corn shows a gain of ¼@⅜c. Oats were up ½@¾c. Provisions are practically unchanged.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Cash prices: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring $1 05@1 15; No. 3 spring $1 00@1 10; No. 2 red $1 12½@1 15¼. Corn—No. 2 45½@46c; No. 2 yellow 45¾@46c. Oats—No. 2 29½c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white 30@31c. Rye—No. 2 73. Mess pork, per bbl, $11 30@11 40. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 80. Short rib sides, loose, $6 25@6 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, no market report. Short clear sides, boxed, $6 62½@6 75. Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 3 December $1 07¾, 1 10¾, 1 07¾, 1 08½; May $1 10¾@1 10¾, 1 13¾, 1 10¾, 1 11¾@1 11¾; July 98¾, 99¾, 98¾, 98¾. Corn—December 45¾@46¾c, 46¾, 45¾, 45¾c; May 45@45¾, 45¾, 45, 45¾@45¾c; July 45¾@45¾, 45¾@45¾, 45¼, 45¾. Oats—December 29¼@29¾, 29¾, 29¼@29¾c; May 31¾@31¾, 31¾, 31¼, 31¼@31¾; July 31¾, 31¾, 31¼, 31¼. Mess pork, per bbl—January $12 50, 12 65, 12 50, 12 55; May $12 90, 13 00, 12 90, 12 92½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $6 87, 6 90, 6 85, 6 85; May $7 15, 7 17½, 7 12½, 7 13½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 50, 6 52½, 6 50, 6 50; May $6 80, 6 85, 6 77½, 6 80.

NEW YORK COFFEE FUTURES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Coffee—Spot Rio firm; No. 7 invoice 8¾c; mild firm; Cordova 10@13c. The market for coffee futures opened steady at an advance of 10@15 points. Sales 187,250 bags.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

Stmr A J Johnson, Black, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

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Stmr E A Hawes, Robeson, Fayetteville, J A Munn.

Stmr A J Johnson, Black, Clear Run, W J Meredith.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

C. C. Railroad—20 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

W. & W. Railroad—24 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—639 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 22 barrels rosin, 53 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—132 bales cotton.

W. & N. Railroad—21 barrels rosin, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—13 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 140 barrel rosin, 91 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—2 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 100 barrels rosin, 55 barrels tar, 6 barrels crude turpentine.

Schooner J. C. Allen—3 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 60 barrels rosin, 24 barrels tar.

Schooner C T. Herman—16 casks spirits turpentine, 101 barrels rosin.

Total—813 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine, 444 barrels rosin, 190 barrels tar, 81 barrels crude turpentine.

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Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. Only 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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FOR CHRISTMAS.

Come see us.

S. W. SANDERS.

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NOTICE.

State of North Carolina,
Superior Court of New Hanover County.

W. B. Thorpe
vs.
Coal, Cement & Supply Company.

Notice is hereby given to all of the creditors of the Coal, Cement & Supply Company to present their claims, properly itemized and sworn to, to me on or before the 31st of January, 1905, or they will be barred from any participation in the distribution of the assets of the above named defendant.

Dated this 14th day of December, 1904.

M. J. CORBETT, Receiver.

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The Little Gift

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Spread the little gifts around—they make warm spots like the bright red berries on the green holly bush.

Remember everybody! And you can with holiday packages of Nabisco Sugar Wafers, the most acceptable little gift that well-wish ever conceived.

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Kidney and bladder diseases are on the increase to an alarming extent. It is an actual fact that more men fail to pass medical examination for life insurance on account of unhealthy kidneys than all the other troubles combined.

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ABSOLUTELY FREE.

Stuart's Gin and Buchu is an honest remedy for all irregularities and diseases of the kidneys and bladder. There is no case too severe for it to promptly reach and cure. Thousands of people testify to its genuine merit, many of whom had the disease in a dangerous stage. If you will send your name and address to day to Stuart's Drug Co., Wall street, Atlanta, Ga., you will receive a trial sample at once, absolutely free. You will thus be enabled to test the remedy without cost, and judge for yourself of its merits.

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Fruits of All Kinds.

Nuts, both shelled and unshelled, including shelled Filberts.

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THE C. W. POLVOGT CO.

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A large assortment to select from.

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Respectfully,

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Let us have them.

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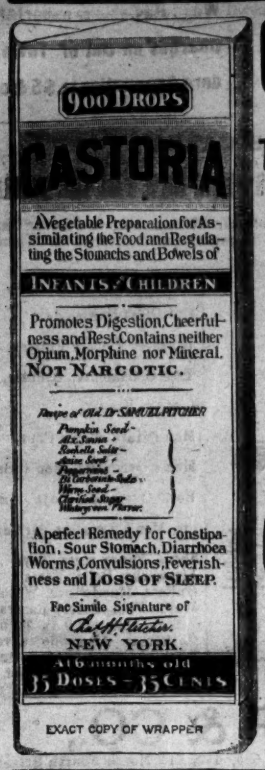
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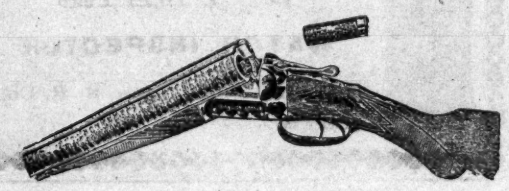

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Laurinburg Exchange: Mr. J. B. Weathe ly, owner of the Maple Shade at Maxton, which was burned down Sunday morning, December 5th, purchased Mr. W. S. McNair's big brick hotel on the following Friday and is in harness again. Mr. Weatherly is one of the best hotel men in this part of the State.

— Charlotte News: The country people are making considerable complaint at the reckless driving of automobiles on the county roads. Unless automobilists are more careful and considerate of the rights of others there will be trouble. We advise them to have a care in this matter. Already they have caused a number of runaways and accidents by reckless and careless fast driving. The farmers and their wives have rights in this matter that ought to be, and must be respected.

— Winston Salem Sentinel: The Sentinel had occasion, several days ago, to call attention to the fact that there exists in Winston-Salem right now a class of negroes, who seem to look with peculiar disfavor upon work of any kind. The fact that cold weather is here again has caused some of them to go to work, but there are still many who cannot be induced to engage in profitable labor upon any terms. Some action should be taken with reference to the conduct of such worthless vagrants.

—Chatham Record: Our State's finances are in better condition now than they have been in many years. At the close of the fiscal year ending September 30 there was a balance in the State treasury of $339,000, and it is estimated that there will be over twice that sum next November. Our present revenue law has not increased the rate of taxation on real or personal property and yet has raised much more money than any previous revenue law, and has placed the State's finances in excellent condition. As chairman of the joint committee in the last Legislature that prepared this revenue law this writer feels greatly gratified at its success.

— Exceedingly interesting exercises by which the new Cornelia Phillips Spencer dormitory building at the State Normal and Industrial Collge, at Greensboro, occurred on Wednesday. Dr. Geo. T. Winston, president of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and Dr. Venable, president of the State University, were the speakers. The Spencer building is a model college living house. It is 492 feet long with three wings and only two stories in height. But despite its great length, it is architecturally pleasing to the eye. Every care has been taken for the health, comfort and safety of the students. The building is thoroughly equipped with the most modern lighting, heating and sanitary devices, and has been so built as to reduce danger from fire to a minimum. The rooms, which are occupied by two students each, all have outside windows. The parlors, reception and reading rooms are ample and well located, and the large dining hall is one of the best adapted rooms of its sort in the country. The furnishings are complete in every detail.

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Turkeys, Chickens and Eggs just from the country.
Fox River Butter. North Carolina Hams. Give me a trial.

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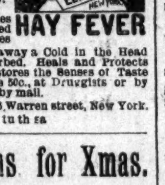

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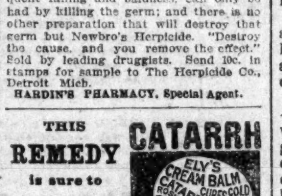

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We are ready for holiday trading and have made long and careful preparations to do the biggest selling of Holiday Goods ever before done in this city. Thousands of dollars worth of the world's best and choicest merchandise collected under one roof, embracing every avenue of Art and Fashion, the useful as well as ornamental, the expensive as well as the inexpensive, and things that will delight the little folks and the things that will make their elders happy—all here in profusion not even attempted elsewhere, and all here at prices that will bring them within reach of all.

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Lv Wilmington	9 15 a m	6 50 p m
Ar Goldsboro	12 18 p m	9 52 p m
Ar Wilson	1 16 p m	10 36 p m
Ar Rocky Mount	1 55 p m	11 10 p m
Ar Norfolk	6 55 p m	
Ar Weldon	4 58 p m	1 47 a m
Ar Petersburg	6 55 p m	3 33 a m
Ar Richmond	7 45 p m	4 27 a m
Ar Washington	11 50 p m	7 54 a m
Ar Baltimore	1 43 a m	9 09 a m
Ar Philadelphia	4 25 a m	11 02 a m
Ar New York	7 30 a m	2 00 p m

SOUTHBOUND.

	No 41	No 43
Lv New York	9 35 a m	9 35 p m
Ar Philadelphia	11 55 a m	12 01 a m
Ar Baltimore	2 07 p m	2 32 a m
Ar Washington	3 21 p m	3 45 a m
Ar Norfolk		9 00 a m
Ar Richmond	7 15 p m	8 38 a m
Ar Petersburg	8 30 p m	9 45 a m
Ar Weldon	9 51 p m	11 50 a m
Ar Rocky Mount	10 51 p m	1 05 p m
Ar Wilson	11 32 p m	2 00 p m
Ar Goldsboro	6 40 a m	3 10 p m
Ar Wilmington	10 10 a m	6 00 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH

SOUTHBOUND

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily
Lv Wilmington	6 00 a m	2 30 p m	6 30 p m
Ar Florence	9 25 a m	7 30 p m	2 55 a m
Ar Charleston	1 10 p m	11 35 p m	6 45 a m
Ar Savannah	6 45 p m	2 50 a m	9 05 a m
Ar Jacksonville		8 40 a m	1 45 p m
Ar Tampa		7 35 p m	10 35 p m

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv Tampa	8 40 p m	9 00 a m
Ar Jacksonville	7 55 a m	7 40 p m
Ar Savannah	1 10 p m	1 15 a m
Ar Charleston	8 14 p m	8 58 a m
Ar Florence	7 50 p m	9 25 a m
Ar Wilmington	11 55 p m	1 40 p m

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD

	West Bound †Daily	East Bound Daily
Lv Wilmington	9 10 a m Ar	5 40 p m
Ar Fayetteville	12 35 p m Ar	4 55 p m
Ar Sanford	1 55 p m Lv	3 40 p m

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" Southern Pines	9 45 a m	11 10 p m
" Raleigh	12 40 a m	1 30 a m
" Norlina	1 35 p m	3 27 a m
Arrive Portsmouth	5 50 p m	8 00 a m
Leave Richmond	4 55 p m	6 35 a m
" Washington	8 26 p m	10 10 a m
" Baltimore	11 25 p m	11 50 a m
" Philadelphia	2 25 a m	1 43 p m
Arrive New York	6 30 a m	4 15 p m

SOUTHBOUND.	No. 31	No. 15
Leave New York	12 38 p m	9 25 p m
" Philadelphia	2 55 p m	12 14 a m
" Baltimore	5 10 p m	2 37 a m
" Washington	6 25 p m	4 30 a m
" Richmond	10 00 p m	9 10 a m
Leave Portsmouth	9 00 p m	9 25 a m
Leave Norlina	1 35 a m	1 40 p m
" Raleigh	3 35 a m	4 00 p m
" Southern Pines	5 53 a m	6 16 p m
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	7 30 p m
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	11 50 p m

Between Wilmington and Atlanta

SOUTHBOUND.		No. 41
Leave Wilmington		2 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 15 p m
" Athens		6 48 a m
Arrive Atlanta		8 40 a m
NORTHBOUND	No. 38	
Leave Atlanta	9 00 p m	
" Athens	11 23 p m	
" Hamlet	6 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

Between Wilmington and Tampa

SOUTHBOUND		No. 42
Leave Wilmington		3 00 p m
Leave Hamlet		10 10 p m
" Columbia		12 10 a m
" Savannah		4 40 a m
" Jacksonville		9 40 a m
Arrive Tampa		5 45 p m
NORTHBOUND	No. 65	
Leave Tampa	8 50 a m	
" Jacksonville	7 50 p m	
" Savannah	10 10 a m	
" Columbia	3 30 a m	
" Hamlet	8 40 a m	
Arrive Wilmington	12 45 p m	

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Suburban Schedule,

In Effect December 10, 1904.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.	Leave W. Beach.
†7.00 A. M.	8 15	
10 00 A. M.		12 30 P. M.
3.00 P. M.		5 00 P. M.
*6.10 P. M.	7.30 P. M.	
*10 00 P. M. (Sat'day)	10.30 P. M. (Sat'day only)	

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WILMINGTON, N. C

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 17.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

Conditions Are Mainly Favorable—In the South Cotton Is Marketing Slower and Collections Are Tardier.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Bradstreets to-morrow will say:

Trade, crop and industrial conditions are mainly favorable, and with seasonable activity in retail and holiday distribution in most sections, the year is drawing to its close with a decidedly cheerful tone pervading most lines of business effort. The area in winter wheat will not equal that planted a year ago and conditions on December 1st were low, but since the government report was issued the Western drought has been fairly well broken by rains and snow. Cold weather has stimulated heavy dry goods, clothing and footwear and helped re-order business with jobbers east, west and north. Exceptions to reports of widespread activity in holiday distribution come from the Pacific coast and from portions of the South, which latter reports cotton marketing slower and collections tardier. Plenteous supplies of cheap money render the holding of cotton easier than in other years. Industry as a whole is active, iron and steel notably so, but building trades feel seasonably quieting influences and cotton manufacturing is not active in all its branches. Railway earnings for November show gains in gross exceeding 9 per cent.

Business failures for the week ending December 15 number 239 against 239 in the like week in 1903.

TO FIX RAILROAD RATES.

Quarles-Cooper Bill the Subject of a Hearing by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Quarles-Cooper bill, permitting the Interstate Commerce Commission to fix railroad rates, was the subject of a hearing held to-day by the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce, at which Edward B. Bacon, of Milwaukee, was the principal speaker.

In response to an interrogation from Senator Tillman, Mr. Bacon said he was confident that the bill represents the wishes of the business interests in providing for suspending the findings of the commission in cases of an appeal.

"Then," said Mr. Tillman, "you don't agree with the President, who recommends that a rate fixed by the commission shall go into immediate effect?"

In reply, the witness said the President had gone into details in his message, but Mr. Tillman replied that if he understood the English language he was certain that his construction of the message is correct.

Mr. Bacon said in response to Senator Elkins that in case it should be ultimately decided that the rate fixed by the commission was too low, the railroads would have no recourse on account of the loss sustained, but he agreed with Senator Tillman that such a condition would be no worse on the railroads than would a rate that is too high be on the shippers.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

For the Week Ending Friday, December 16th, 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 16th, 1904:

	1904.	1903.
Net receipts at all U. S. ports during the week ...	341,534	306,454
Total receipts to this date	5,325,446	4,638,029
Exports for week..	306,244	293,759
Total exports to date	3,774,334	3,317,526
Stock in all U. S. ports.	1,030,239	887,789
Stock at all interior towns.....	740,755	507,932
Stock in Liverpool,	——	443,000
American afloat for Great Britain ...	——	328,000

FRANK J. GOULD

Elected President of the Old Dominion Iron Works Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., December 16—At a meeting of the directors of the Old Dominion Iron and Nail Works, held here to-day, Frank J. Gould, of New York, H. R. Wayt, E. D. Harned, and Fritz Sitterding were chosen as new directors and Frank J. Gould was elected president, with Thomas S. Wheelwright vice president and general manager.

This action confirms the statement heretofore printed, that Mr. Gould had acquired a controlling interest in the Dominion Works.

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports, since September 1st: Galveston, 1,604,233 bales; New Orleans, 1,259,823; Mobile, 185,478; Savannah, 1,089,366; Charleston, 155,956; Wilmington, 250,730; Norfolk, 392,223; Baltimore, 12,282; New York, 8,397; Boston, 26,589; Newport News, 1,393; Philadelphia, 3,448; Brunswick, 115,529; Fernandina, 11,463; Pensacola, 85,695; Port Arthur, 50,884; Port Townsend, 17,881; San Francisco 26,720; Portland, Oregon, 4,981; El Paso, 750; Eagle Pass, 2,488; Laredo, 6,247; Miscellaneous, 4,843. Total 5,823,758 bales.

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PHILIPPINE BILL PASSED SENATE.

Final Vote Preceded by General Discussion of Measure and Its Many Amendments.

STATEHOOD BILL REPORTED.

Session of the House Given Over to Consideration of Private Calendar Bills. Amendments to the Urgent Deficiency Bill Agreed To.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate to-day carried out its unanimous agreement to vote on the Philippine civil government bill and by a vote of 44 to 23 passed the measure. The final vote was preceded by the presentation of many amendments and a general discussion of them as well as of the provisions of the bill. There were occasional political references, but, in the main the discussion was confined to the merits of the measure. On some of the amendments suggested by Democratic senators several Western Republicans cast their votes in the affirmative, but Mr. Macumber was the only Republican who voted with the Democrats against the final passage of the bill.

The most notable change made during the day was the lowering of the rate of interest on railroad bonds to be guaranteed by the Philippine government from five to four per cent.

The bill as passed exempts from taxation all bonds issued by the Philippine and Porto Rican governments; authorizes municipalities in the Philippines to incur a bonded indebtedness amounting to five per cent. of the assessed valuation of their property, at 5 per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to incur a bonded indebtedness of $5,000,000 for improvements at four and a half per cent. interest; authorizes the Philippine government to guarantee the payment of interest on railroad bonds at the rate of four per cent. per annum; provides for the administration of the immigration laws by the Philippine authorities; establishes a system for the location and patenting of mineral, coal and saline lands; fixes the metric system for the islands and gives the civil governor title of governor general.

During the day Mr. Beveredge, from the committee on territories, reported the Statehood bill. He gave notice at that time that immediately after the disposal of the Philippine bill he would move the consideration of the Statehood bill, but upon discovering that the rules require that committee reports lie over for a day, he decided not to enter the motion until after the Christmas holidays, his intention being to make the motion on the first day that the Senate convenes in January.

During the debate on the Philippine bill the provision exempting bonds from taxation met with opposition from Mr. Gorman, who contended the exemption was wrong in principle.

Mr. Carmack said he was opposed to the railroad bond provision because it would make it more difficult for the United States to get out of the Philippines. He quoted the President's hope that our Cuban policy might at some time be adopted in the Philippines. This he characterized as the renunciation of the Republican policy and in line with the Democratic platform. "We welcome the President to the ranks of the anti-imperialists," he said. "He is almost if not quite, eligible to membership in the Boston Anti-Imperialist League.

The Senate adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives.

To-day's session of the House was given over almost exclusively to the consideration of bills on the private calendar, a dozen or more being passed. The Senate amendments to the Urgent Deficiency bill were agreed to, and adjournment was taken until Monday.

There was considerable discussion over a bill for the relief of Joseph B. Sargent, of New Haven, Conn., who had been detained by a customs inspector at El Paso, Texas, on a charge of smuggling Mexican drawn work in the United States.

Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, inquired whether there had been any complaint to the President about the customs inspector. He contended that if the statement as to the action of the inspector was true, he should be removed from office.

SUITS AGAINST VANDERBILT.

Plaintiffs Endeavoring to Have the Cases Remanded to State Courts in North Carolina for Trial.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—A special from Asheville, N. C., says:

Within the next few days application will be made before Judge Pritchard by attorneys for the plaintiffs in four suits against George Vanderbilt to have these cases remanded to the State courts. These suits were instituted in the Superior Court of Buncombe county, but were ordered removed to the United States District Court upon affidavits that Mr. Vanderbilt could not secure justice in Buncombe county. The damages asked in the four suits aggregate $70,000.

The more striking of the two affidavits is by Rev. Dr. R. R. Swope, of All Souls church, Biltmore, who avers that Mr. Vanderbilt cannot get justice in Buncombe county because, owing to his wealth, there is a feeling that persons injured or alleged to have been injured on his estate or in his employ should receive large damages. He adds that articles published in newspapers of Buncombe county and elsewhere have been very prejudical to the Biltmore estate. This affidavit has been the subject of much unfavorable comment.

The second affidavit is by J. Hardy Lee, bookkeeper in the Biltmore office. Mr. Lee asserts that the Buncombe people are prejudiced against Mr. Vanderbilt because, owing to his extensive interests in dairy, truck and poultry farming, he is the most formidable competitor they have.

It is expected that the application to Federal Judge Pritchard will be accompanied by a number of affidavits in rebuttal of these averments.

It has been decided that the annual Thanksgiving Day football game between the Universities of Virginia and North Carolina, shall be played in Richmond, Va., for the next three years, and after that shall be alternated between Richmond and Norfolk.

Is it a nice tie, suspenders, half hose, collars, cuffs or anything else in the gents' furnishing line for Christmas? Our friends tell us they never saw a prettier line of such goods as are now open at our store. Come early to get best selections. This is the place: "At the Sign of the Golden Arm," I. Shrier, northeast corner of Front and Princess.

INQUIRY INTO CASE OF SENATOR SMOOT.

Mrs. Annie Elliott Told of the Ceremonies in the Mormon Temple, the Oaths of Vengeance, Etc

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The first witness in the Senator Smoot inquiry to-day was Mrs. Annie Elliott, of Price, Utah. She was asked concerning the obligations taken in the Temple, and was requested to repeat as much of the ceremonies as she could remember.

In a voice shaking with emotion, Mrs. Elliott said that the obligations were so indelicate that she could not bear to repeat them.

By slow degrees Mrs. Elliott repeated the oaths of vengeance and the various penalties prescribed for revealing any part of the ceremonies.

At the request of Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Elliott described the garments worn by Mormons who have taken the endowments.

Senator Overman asked if every Mormon in good standing is compelled to wear the garments, and the witness said that all such Mormons wear the garments as undercloathing.

Looking at Senator Smoot, Senator Overman asked the witness if she were sure every Mormon in good standing in the committee room had the garments on.

"Yes, sir, they have." The reply provoked laughter and the witness repeated: "I know they all have them on."

Senator Foraker asked the witness if she had ever heard of the Endowment House penalties being enforced against any one. She said she had not.

Mr. Taylor asked if she were likely to suffer by reason of giving testimony here. Mrs. Elliott said she expected that her business would suffer.

Charles H. Jackson, of Boise City, Idaho, chairman of the Democratic State committee, testified at length concerning the growing power of the Mormon church and its interference in State affairs, which he said was made the paramount issue by Democrats and Independents in the last campaign in Idaho. He said that apostles of the church from Utah go into Idaho and direct the people how to vote. These church officials, said Mr. Jackson, tell their people there have been revelations that they should vote a certain ticket, and also that the Mormon church desires it. The witness described in detail the fight being made by the Mormon church for the removal from the State constitution of Idaho the test oath against polygamists. He told of the visit of Apostle John Henry Smith for the purpose of directing legislation and said that the influence of the church accomplished the passage of the sugar bounty bill.

Mr. Jackson said with emphasis: "It is impossible for any man or any party to stand against the Mormon church in Idaho."

Mr. Jackson said the Mormons declared that not a vote would be given the Democrats in the last campaign, and, said the witness, "they made good." He stated as his belief that not one Mormon voted the Democratic ticket. As a result, he said, the increased Republican majorities in the Mormon counties compared with the increased Republican majorities in the Gentile counties, was enormous.

Mr. Jackson said he had talked with many Mormons who had been Democrats and they had told him that if it were known that they were to vote the Democratic ticket they would be ruined in business.

The hearing was adjourned until to-morrow.

A BLOODLESS ENCOUNTER.

Between Thos. W. Lawson, of "Frenzied Finance," and Col. W. G. Greene, of Consolidated Copper Company.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 16.—Colonel William C. Green, of New York, who last week accused Thos. W. Lawson, of this city, of being responsible for the recent break in copper shares, came to Boston to-day and was met at the Hotel Touraine by Mr. Lawson. The nature of the statements issued by both Colonel Greene and Mr. Lawson, but particularly Colonel Greene, who claimed that Mr. Lawson was to blame for the raid upon the stock of the Greene Consolidated Copper Company, together with the market developments of the past few days, all had combined to suggest the possibility of a clash between the two operators, but so far as became known, however, nothing of the kind took place.

Colonel Greene had publicly advertised that he would call upon Mr. Lawson but Mr. Lawson anticipated this by appearing at the Hotel Touraine at an early hour. Mr. Lawson seemed constrained when they met, but Colonel Greene smiled warmly, uttered a cordial salutation, and extending his hand which Mr. Lawson seized, invited the Boston operator to his room. Colonel Greene's manner seemed very happy but Mr. Lawson was apparently much reserved. The men were in Colonel Greene's room for almost seven hours, all outsiders and all messages of every kind being excluded.

Meantime the police had advanced and virtually taken possession of the hotel, three officers in citizen's clothes patrolling the corridor upon which Colonel Greene's rooms were located, while Chief Inspector Watts and other detectives remained on guard in the lobby. At the end of the conference Mr. Lawson and Colonel Greene both made a hurried exit from the hotel, the latter returning at once to New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—An application for the indictment of Thomas W. Lawson and for the showing of the books of the Amalgamated Copper Company was made at the District Attorney's office to-day by Henry Wellington Wack, who lives most of the time in London. Mr. Wack asks that a demand be made on the Amalgamated Company for its books, to ascertain just what its stock is worth, and if Lawson's declaration proves false he wants him indicted under the code which provides that any person who knowingly circulates a false rumor, statement or intelligence against a stock is punishable by a fine of not more than $5,000 or by imprisonment for not more than three years or both.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company the office of fourth vice president was created and George E. Evans, the present general manager, was elected to fill the office, taking effect January 1st. B. M. Stark becomes general manager in place of Mr. Evans and H. L. Stone general counsel in the place of C. M. Burch, resigned.

The naval board of construction has recommended that contracts for the armored cruisers Montana and North Carolina be awarded to the Newport News Shipbuilding Company, and contract for the battleship New Hampshire to the New York Shipbuilding Company.

MRS. CHADWICK AN ENRAGED WOMAN.

Showed a Spirit of Resentment to Everybody, Especially Newspaper Men.

MADE HER LAST STATEMENT.

By Order of Court She Will be Rigidly Excluded from All Visitors, Even Her Son and Nurse—No Further Developments in the Case.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CLEVELAND, O., December 16.—Mrs. Chadwick will, from now until the time of her arraignment in court, be rigidly excluded from all visitors, and even her son and nurse will be denied permission to see her except on the written order of United States Marshal Chandler. This afternoon an order was received at the jail by Sheriff Barry directing him to deny all people the privilege of seeing her, and he at once ordered that the nurse Freda Swanstrom, who was then in the jail with Mrs. Chadwick, be ordered to leave. This action was in direct opposition to an order of United States Marshal Chandler, issued yesterday, in which he directed that Emil Hoover, the son of Mrs. Chadwick, and the nurse should be admitted at any time to see Mrs. Chadwick.

"The order applies to them as well as to anybody else," said the sheriff, "and I will ignore the order of Marshal Chandler. This is a county jail and the Federal authorities have nothing to say about its administration. If they don't like the way I run it, I guess they can take their prisoners to some other jail."

Sheriff Barry further declared that no visitors to Mrs. Chadwick would be permitted to see her except in the regular visiting hours at the jail, which are from 2 to 3 o'clock on every day except Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The order of Judge Wing put a period to the episodes at the jail and her attorneys declared this afternoon that there would be no further developments in the legal end of the case until Mrs. Chadwick was brought into the court either for arraignment or trial.

M. F. Bramley, a wealthy contractor, called on Mrs. Chadwick just prior to the receipt of Judge Wing's order with Sheldon Kerrush, one of Mrs. Chadwick's attorneys. He was asked if he was going to give bail for her, and said he was not. When asked if he intended to furnish money for the expenses of her defence he laughed and would made no reply.

During the latter part of the morning Mrs. Chadwick showed considerable ill-humor. She announced that her breakfast did not suit her, and declared that hereafter she would order her meals from a restaurant, which supplies an entire and more or less comprehensive repast for 25 cents.

About noon the Associated Press representative was admitted to the matron's quarters where Mrs. Chadwick is. She was sitting on a couch with a silken robe thrown across her lap, and was resting her chin in her hand, a picture of mingled despair and anger. The prisoner did not present the trim appearance she has heretofore. Her features showed the traces of anxiety and the nervous tension she has been under, while her eyes flashed with spirit as she saw her visitor approach.

"Who gave you permission to come here?" she demanded before a question had been asked. She was angered over something and refused to discuss any topic whatever. She was told that the promised statement she was to make was very anxiously awaited by the people of Cleveland as well as other parts of the country, and the public interest in the case was again pressed upon her, but she maintained the spirit of resentment against everybody, and especially the newspapers for printing the interview that President Beckwith had with her yesterday.

Finally Mrs. Chadwick said: "I have made my last statement; I will have nothing further to say," and she closed the interview. During the conversation her nurse Freda sat beside her, stroking the prisoner's hands and trying to sooth the enraged woman.

Receiver Loeser this evening made arrangements with Harold Remington, referee in bankruptcy, to examine Mrs. Chadwick Monday morning. Whether or not the inquiry will be held depends upon the physical ability of Mrs. Chadwick to undergo the examination.

Judge Wing's Order.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 16.—United States Judge Wing here this afternoon issued an order to the effect that no visitors are to be permitted to see Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick unless they have an order from United States Marshal Chandler.

The order is designed to prevent President Beckwith, of the Oberlin Bank, from seeing Mrs. Chadwick.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 16.—In a telegram to The Pittsburg Dispatch Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick denies that she is in debt to any Pittsburg bank. The telegram says: "Kindly deny report that I owe money to any Pittsburg banks. I don't owe them one dollar." (Signed) "MRS. C. L. CHADWICK."

WIFE MURDER CHARGED.

Lewis Jones, a White Man, Is Jail at Wadesboro, N. C.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 16.—Lewis Jones, a white man about fifty years of age, is in jail at Wadesboro, charged with the murder of his wife. It developed at the coroner's inquest yesterday that Jones had been drinking heavily; that on Wednesday he had cruelly maltreated his wife and that on the following morning he reported her dead. An investigation was at once demanded, and the result was the finding of finger prints upon the woman's throat and marks of blows upon her body. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mrs. Jones had come to her death by strangulation and other maltreatment. The arrest of her husband immediately followed. As yet he has made no statement.

SMUGGLED GOODS.

The Seizures Made by Customs Officers on the Cruiser San Francisco.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 16.—The customs collector here has been notified from Washington that an investigation will be held here in the case of the United States cruiser San Francisco. A rich store of dutiable goods, embracing silks, cigars, ostrich feathers and decorated Japanese ware, was seized as smuggled goods by deputies from the customs office here last Wednesday. It is stated unofficially that the ship's officers will plead ignorance of the law. Three cases of the smuggled goods and 850 boxes of Japanese cigars were consigned to a Baltimore concern.

TRIAL OF NAN PATTERSON.

Court Denied Motion of Defendant's Counsel to Acquit Her of the Charge of Murdering Young.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Without hearing argument by the prosecution, which had rested its case, Justice Vernon M. Davis, in the criminal branch of the Supreme Court, to-day denied the motion of Nan Patterson's counsel to acquit her of the charge of murdering Caesar Young, and adjourned the trial until Monday at the request of the defence.

The question of the admissability of evidence concerning J. Morgan Smith and his wife was again raised and Justice Davis decided to admit the evidence.

John Mellon, Young's racing partner, was recalled and identified several letters written by Young to Miss Patterson. The letters were read to the jury. One of them, dated May 1, said Young had heard some unpleasant things about Miss Patterson, and that he had caught "Smith sising him up." He said he was glad to hear that she was having a good time. It was signed, "With love and kisses, Frank." A second letter, dated May 3, chided the defendant for being so persistent in wanting to see him, and also promised that he would make a big bet, "not for himself but for her."

Attorney Levy said the defendant's counsel had not yet decided whether any defence would be put in, but he announced if a defence was decided upon, to expedite matters he would waive his opening address to the jury.

Adjournment to Monday was then ordered.

FROM PORT ARTHUR

Russians Arrive in a Sail Boat at Che Foo With Dispatches.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CHE FOO, Dec. 16.—Seven Russians, in civilian garb, but a military training obvious in their bearing, arrived to-day in an open sail-boat, carrying dispatches. They were unwilling to talk and went immediately to the Russian consulate. A high wind enabled them to make a quick passage from Port Arthur.

The sail-boat left Port Arthur last night under cover of a snow storm and had a terrible experience in crossing. The men were nearly frozen when they made this port and were unable to leave the boat without assistance. The Russians brought a large number of dispatches.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—General Stoessel, the Russian military commander at Port Arthur, according to a dispatch from Che Foo to the Daily Telegraph, has again been wounded. This time it was by a rifle bullet. The correspondent said that the wound is not serious.

RUSSIAN HEADQUARTERS, MUKDEN, Dec. 16.—There was considerable desultory firing on both sides to-day. The Japanese made an advance, but it proved to be only a demonstration.

WAKM WIRELETS

Marysville, Tenn., college has received a donation of $100,000 from the blind philanthropist Ralph Voorhees, of New Jersey. Dr. Samuel T. Wilson, president of the college, received the check Thursday.

Three members of the New York Consolidated Stock Exchange have been expelled for conduct alleged to be detrimental to the interests of that institution. They are N. R. Dyett, Charles E. Slade and F. S. Colton.

Will Jones, colored, was hanged at Helena, Ark., yesterday for the murder of W. A. Robinson. The negro's neck was broken and he was pronounced dead in eleven minutes. Jones murdered his victim in cold blood on February 6th.

Richard Craighead, charged with the murders of Mrs. I. A. McKee, the wife of his half-brother, and her child, was convicted yesterday, at Homer, La. The penalty is death. Craighead narrowly escaped lynching at the time of the murder.

A conference has been arranged for between a committee of the Fall River cotton mill manufacturers and representatives of the 26,000 strikers. It is believed that settlement of the strike, which has now lasted for months, is in sight.

Ossian Doolittle Ashley, widely known in financial and railroad circles for more than half a century, died at his home in New York city yesterday, aged 83 years. Mr. Ashley was president of the Wabash Railroad Company for several years. He was a prolific writer on financial and railroad topics.

Sir Alfred Jones, presiding at the first annual meeting of the British Cotton Growing Association at Manchester, England, predicted that the movement would result not only in making Lancaster independent of America but to some extent in making America dependent upon the cotton growing fields of the British Empire.

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Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company.

By direction of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the above entitled cause, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Cape Fear & People's Steamboat Company to present and make due proof of their claims before the undersigned on or before January 2, 1905, or they will be barred and precluded from participating in the distribution of the assets of the above named company. D. McEACHERN,

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